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# H. R. 6466

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a report on the implementation and application of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 7, 2020

Mr. MAST (for himself and Ms. GABBARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Integrated Disability  
5 Evaluation System Accountability Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION**  
7 **SYSTEM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
10 shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of a

1 study, conducted by the Secretary for the purposes of the  
2 report, of the implementation and application of the Inte-  
3 grated Disability Evaluation System.

4 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under sub-  
5 section (a) shall include the following:

6 (1) All changes to policies and procedures appli-  
7 cable to the implementation of the Integrated Dis-  
8 ability Evaluation System from the previous dis-  
9 ability evaluation system.

10 (2) The extent to which the Integrated Dis-  
11 ability Evaluation System is the primary means of  
12 processing members of the Armed Forces through  
13 the disability evaluation system process.

14 (3) The extent to which the military depart-  
15 ments and the Defense Health Agency coordinate—

16 (A) treatment of members of the Armed  
17 Forces;

18 (B) referrals of members of the Armed  
19 Forces to a medical evaluation board;

20 (C) appointing a convening authority and  
21 staffing a medical evaluation board;

22 (D) the sharing of medical documentation  
23 with a medical evaluation board;

1           (E) evaluations of members of the Armed  
2           Forces for initial or subsequent limited duty  
3           status; and

4           (F) a medical evaluation board referral to  
5           a physical evaluation board.

6           (4) The process for members of the Armed  
7           Forces to request an impartial medical review or  
8           rebut medical evaluation board findings.

9           (5) The criteria a medical evaluation board con-  
10          vening authority applies when considering such re-  
11          quests under paragraph (4).

12          (6) The average time to process Integrated Dis-  
13          ability Evaluation System cases by both phase and  
14          stage (as defined in Department of Defense Manual  
15          1332.18) for both the active component and reserve  
16          component.

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